THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

**Pension for freedom fighters**

2474. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many freedom fighters are getting pension from the Centre;

(b) how many of them are from Marathwada, Telangana and parts of Karnataka;

(c) how many cases of freedom fighters from old Hyderabad State have been rejected by the Central Government; and

(d) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) As on 30th June, 1988, 145257 persons have been sanctioned freedom fighters pension. No region-wise list is maintained.

**Import of cotton**

2475. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Cotton Mills Federation has urged Government to import cotton without further deley;

(b) whether the production of cotton was not upto the expectation last year;

(c) whether the prices of cotton in the market is going up; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) A representation from ICMF was received regarding import of cotton.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) As a result of various steps taken by the Government such as suspension of staple cotton exports, allowing import of cotton on Advance Licensing basis against exports of cotton textiles, etc., prices of cotton have not shown an upward trend since February 1988.

**Dharna against textile policy**

2476. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hundreds of textile workers from all over the country staged a day long dharna outside the office of Textile Ministry at Udyog Bhawan on 2nd June, 1988 to protest against the textile policy.

(b) whether a memorandum was also submitted by them;

(c) if so, what are the details of the memorandum; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) The facts are being verified and the requisite information will be placed on the Table of the House.

**पंजाब समझौता**

2477. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पंजाब समझौते के कार्यान्वयन के संबंध में वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है और इस संबंध में अब तक की गई प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) इस समझौते को क्रियान्वित करने में सरकार को किन-किन कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है ?

**कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम)** :

(क) और (ख) समझौते के अपने को 11 मदों में से 8 मदें पहले ही कार्यान्वित की जा चुकी हैं और शेष 3 मदों को कार्यान्वित करने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ?